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the Senate is in daily session except present members of the Senate and all officers and employees of the Senate in the performance of their duties, and persons charged with messages or papers to the Senate. A special section of the gallery shall be reserved for members of the families of Senators. Also entitled to admission are the Governor or one (1) representative designated by him, the Lieutenant Governor, Cabinet officers, former governors, present and former United States Senators, members or former members of the House of Representatives of the United States and of this State, Justices of the Supreme Court, former State Senators of Florida and persons by invitation of the President.

10.2—Exception

None of the persons entitled to admission shall be admitted if registered pursuant to Rule 9.

10.3—Admission of press by President

Representatives of the press and of radio and television stations, in performance of their duties, shall be assigned to a press section specifically set aside for them, and shall not be allowed on the Senate floor while the Senate is in daily session, except with the approval of the President.

10.4—Recognition of guests

No person shall be introduced unless he is escorted to the rostrum with concurrence of the Senate. This rule shall not apply to the first day of each regular session.

10.5—Attire

All male persons on the main floor of the Senate and in the gallery (with the exception of visitors in that portion of the gallery set aside for the general public) shall wear coats and ties at all times while the Senate is in session.

RULE ELEVEN

CONSTRUCTION AND WAIVER OF RULES

11.1—Interpretation of Rules

It shall be the duty of the President, or the presiding officer for the time being, to interpret all rules. Motions for the previous question and to lay upon the table shall not be entertained.

11.2—Waiver and suspension of Rules

These Rules shall not be waived or suspended except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all Senators present, which motion, when made, shall be decided without debate. A motion to waive a rule requiring unanimous consent of the Senate shall be construed to be an amendment to these Rules and shall be referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar except by unanimous consent of those present.

11.3—Changes in Rules

All proposed actions touching the Rules and order of business in the Senate shall be first referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar, which shall report as soon as practicable thereafter. Consideration of such a report shall

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always be in order. The Committee on Rules and Calendar may originate reports and resolutions dealing with these Rules and the Order of Business, and such power shall be exclusive, provided, however, that any report made pursuant to this rule may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present.

11.4—Majority action

Unless otherwise indicated by these Rules, or the Constitution of Florida, all action by the Senate shall be by majority vote of those Senators present.

11.5—Uniform construction

Whenever in these Rules reference is made to “two-thirds (2/3) of those present”, “two-thirds (2/3) vote”, “two-thirds (2/3) of the Senate”, “two-thirds (2/3) of those voting”, etc., these shall all be construed to mean two-thirds (2/3) of those Senators present, except that two-thirds (2/3) of the Senate shall be required to consider additional proposed legislation in any extended session in accordance with article III, section 3, of the Constitution.

11.6—General

When used in these Rules, the following words shall, unless the text otherwise indicates, have the following respective meaning: (a) the singular always includes the plural, (b) the masculine always includes the feminine. Except where specifically provided otherwise, the use of the word “bill” or “measure” means a bill, joint resolution, concurrent resolution, resolution or memorial.

RULE TWELVE

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS, APPOINTMENTS, SUSPENSIONS AND REMOVALS

PART ONE—EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

12.1—Executive session: authority

The business of the Senate shall be transacted openly and not in executive session except under conditions pursuant to article III, section 4(b) of the Constitution of Florida.

12.2—Executive session: purpose

Pursuant to article III, section 4(b), of the Constitution of Florida, the Senate may resolve itself into executive session for the sole purpose of considering appointment, removal, or suspension during which no one shall be in attendance except Senators and the Secretary of the Senate, who shall be sworn not to disclose any executive business without consent of the Senate.

12.3—Executive session: vote required

When the Senate agrees, by a majority of Senators present, that specified appointments, removals, or suspensions shall be considered in executive session, such shall be accordingly calendared for formal consideration by the Senate.

12.4—Work product confidentiality

All information and remarks including committee work product concerning